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9 September 2019

Ms. Mackenzie Farkus  
MuckRock News  
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411A Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 20144

Reference: F-2019-01319

Dear Ms. Farkus:

On 20 August 2019 we received your 13 August 2019 letter asking for the status concerning your 29 March 2019 Freedom of Information Act request for **all files on James Joseph Dresnok, an American soldier who defected during the Korean War.**

Our records indicate that we sent a final response to you concerning this request on 24 April 2019. We are enclosing a copy of our response in the event that you did not receive it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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24 April 2019

Ms. Mackenzie Farkus  
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Reference: F-2019-01319

Dear Ms. Farkus:

This is a final response to your 29 March 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **files on James Joseph Dresnok, an American soldier who defected during the Korean War**. Your request was processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3141, as amended.

After conducting a search reasonably calculated to uncover all relevant documents, we did not locate any responsive records that would reveal an openly acknowledged CIA affiliation with the subject.

To the extent that your request also seeks records, if any exist, that would reveal an unacknowledged or classified affiliation with the subject of your request, we can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of such records. The admission of existence or nonexistence of such records is a fact that is exempt under FOIA. You may consider this finding a denial of this portion of your request pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3), or FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3), as appropriate. Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. In this case, the relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. 3024(i)(1), as amended. I have enclosed an explanation of exemptions for your reference and retention. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact us at:

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Washington, DC 20505  
Information and Privacy Coordinator  
703-613-3007 (Fax)

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records

Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may reach CIA's FOIA Public Liaison at:

703-613-1287 (FOIA Hotline)

The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
202-741-5770  
877-864-6448  
202-741-5769 (fax)  
[ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)

Contacting the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Riggs Monfort".

Riggs Monfort  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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